

## **National Fishing and Boating Week Events**

### **Arkansas**

#### **Greers Ferry National Fish Hatchery, Heber Springs, Arkansas**

##### **Kids Fishing Derby, June 11, 2011**

Incredible family fishing opportunities and prizes, free for all participants. For more information contact [www.fws.gov/greersferry](http://www.fws.gov/greersferry) 501/362-3615

#### **Norfork National Fish Hatchery, Mountain Home, Arkansas**

##### **Kids Fishing Derby, June 11, 2011, 8:00am-1:00pm**

The hatchery will be hosting the annual fishing derby along with our Friends group and other Federal and State agencies at Quarry Park across the street from the hatchery with the purpose of encouraging the community, especially kids ≤15 years old, involved in outdoor activities like fishing. For more information contact the hatchery at 870-499-5255.

### **Colorado**

#### **Leadville National Fish Hatchery, Leadville, Colorado**

##### **Annual Fish Hatchery 5K Race, June 5, 2011**

Contact: For more information contact the hatchery:

Leadville National Fish Hatchery

2846 Highway 300

Leadville, CO 80461

719/486-0189

**Ed Stege@fws.gov**

#### **Hotchkiss National Fish Hatchery, Paonia Volunteer Pond, Hotchkiss, Colorado**

##### **Annual Huck Finn Fishing Derby, June 15, 2011**

Join us for the Huck Finn Fishing Derby on Wednesday, June 15, 2011. This is an annual Hatchery Fishing Derby which takes place at the Paonia Volunteer Pond during National Fishing and Boating Week.

### **Delaware:**

#### **Milton Municipal Park, Milton, Delaware**

##### **June 4, 2011, 8:00am – 1:00pm**

Registration at 8:00AM Tournament: 9:00AM – 1:00PM Age Groups: 0-6yrs, 7-12yrs, and 13-15yrs. EVERYTHING IS FREE.....bait, hooks, hot dogs, soda, train rides, etc. Just bring your fishing poles! You can fish from the bank or boat. Features great prizes, fun activities, and environmental exhibits. Contact: Prime Hook National Wildlife Refuge (302) 684-8419

## **Florida**

### **Panama City Fish and Wildlife Coordination Office, Panama City, Florida Kids' Fishing Clinic, Panama City Marina, June 4th, 2011, 9:00am-12:00pm**

This will be the 15th year for the "Clinic". Since 1996 over 44,000 kids and 32,000 adults have participated in the statewide Kids' Fishing Clinics. Kids spend 10 min at various learning stations (fish habitat, fishing ethics, safety, and knot tying) after which they receive a free fishing rod and reel and tackle box and proceed on to try their luck at fishing. Bait, drinks, hot dogs and ice cream are provided free to all participants. Volunteers receive a free t-shirt. For more information contact Frank Parauka at 850-769-0552.

## **Georgia**

### **Chattahoochee Forest National Fish Hatchery, Suches, Georgia Seniors Fishing Rodeo, June 3, 2011, 9:00am-12:00pm**

Free event open to adults ages 55 and older. Trout Unlimited will provide free lunch to participants. Additionally, participants will receive free t-shirts and prizes courtesy of Friends of the Hatchery. Over 300 people are expected to attend. For more information, contact Chattahoochee Forest National Fish Hatchery at 706-838-4723.

### **Banks Lake National Wildlife Refuge, Folkston, Georgia Banks Lake Youth Fishing Derby and Casting Competition, June 4, 2011, 8:00am – 2:00pm**

Show off your fishing skills! Have fun in a Fishing Derby for children age 3 –15 and a Reel Kids Casting Contest. Attend a knot tying demonstration and discover which knots are best for different test lines. Find out how folks "grunt worms" for bait. Bring a plain t-shirt and get free fish art to wear home. Take home free fishing information and fun gifts. Free refreshments will be available.

Contact: Contact Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge Visitor Center at 912-496-7836 from 9am to 5pm daily for additional information. You may also visit our Refuge Facebook Page at: [www.facebook.com/okefenokeewildliferefuge](http://www.facebook.com/okefenokeewildliferefuge)

### **Chattahoochee Forest National Fish Hatchery, Suches, Georgia Family Fishing Festival, June 4, 2011, 9:00am-12:00noon**

Free event open to youth ages 16 and under. Trout Unlimited will provide free lunch to participants. Additionally, participants will receive free t-shirts and prizes courtesy of Friends of the Hatchery. Youth will have the opportunity to participate in a scavenger hunt and visit fun and educational exhibits hosted by various agencies such as USFWS, USFS, Georgia Forestry and Georgia DNR. Over 800 people are expected to attend. For more information, contact Chattahoochee Forest National Fish Hatchery at 706-838-4723.

### **Warm Springs National Fish Hatchery, Warm Springs, Georgia Kids Fish for Fun, June 4, 2011**

This is a family fishing event for children ages 3 to 12 years, providing opportunities for families to teach children how to fish. Each pre-registered participant may catch and keep up to five

catfish. Each pre-registered participant must bring their own pole, bait, and stringer and will be fishing for catfish. No buckets, coolers, minnows or cut bait allowed. Prizes, food, as well as other activities provide an excellent opportunity for families to enjoy the great outdoors. For more information, visit [www.fws.gov/warmsprings](http://www.fws.gov/warmsprings).

## **Idaho**

### **Hagerman National Fish Hatchery, Hagerman, Idaho Free Fishing day June 11, 2011**

Every year the Hagerman National Fish Hatchery partners with the Hagerman State Fish Hatchery (Idaho Department of Fish and Game) to provide fishing opportunities for the public on Idaho Free Fishing Day. This year's event will be held on Saturday June 11 between the hours of 9:00am to 2:00pm. Gift bags and raffle prizes provided by the Fish and Wildlife Service, Idaho Department of Fish and Game, and local vendors are presented to the participants. The contacts are Joe Chapman at 208-837-4892 and Bryan Kenworthy at 208-837-4896.

### **Gotts Point at Deer Flat National Wildlife Refuge, Nampa, Idaho Kids Fishing Day, June 11, 2011, 10:00am – 3:00pm**

Kids' Fishing Day: Bring your pole and visit Gotts Point for kids fishing activities. Kids can learn about fish biology, fishing ethics, and water safety. Visitors will have a chance to practice casting and rigging before testing their newly-learned skills by fishing in Lake Lowell! Fishing poles will be available to borrow if needed. Contact: Deer Flat National Wildlife Refuge [deerflat@fws.gov](mailto:deerflat@fws.gov) 208-467-9278

## **Illinois**

### **Pere Marquette State Park, Grafton, Illinois Two Rivers Family Fishing Fair, June 11, 2011, 10:00am – 4:00pm**

The FREE Two Rivers Family Fishing Fair offers fun and education for the entire family. Trout pond; bluegill pond; seminars on fishing and water safety; educational activities; gifts and prizes for everyone and lots more! Featuring Camo the Clown, and a 4,000 gallon aquarium. Contact: For more information, you may contact Two Rivers NWR at 618-883-2524 or Pere Marquette State Park at 618-786-3323 ext. 1. Sponsored by U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service and Illinois Department of Natural Resources.

## **Iowa**

### **DeSoto National Wildlife Refuge, Missouri Valley, Iowa Desoto Refuge Fest, June 4, 2011, 11:00am – 3:00pm**

DeSoto RefugeFest Join us for a FREE outdoor family-fun day, with boat tours, wetland discovery station, waterfowl identification station, canoe and kayak rides, fishing and archery clinics, and food concessions. The event, hosted in partnership with the Friends of Boyer Chute & DeSoto NWR and a variety of agencies takes place at the south gate recreation area, the visitor

center and places in between on the refuge. Contact: For more information contact Visitor Services at 712-642-4121.

## **Kentucky**

### **Wolf Creek National Fish Hatchery, Jamestown, Kentucky**

#### **Kids Catch a Rainbow Fishing Derby, June 4, 2011, 9:00am – 3:00pm**

One of the largest fishing events in the country held for the 25<sup>th</sup> year! Since 1986, the annual Kids Catch a Rainbow Fishing Derby, hosted by the Wolf Creek National Fish Hatchery, has continued to grow each year as children ages 1-15 participate in what has become a yearly tradition for many families. The Derby is organized by the Friends of Wolf Creek National Fish Hatchery Inc. Their motto is “Hooked on Fishing, Not on Drugs.” The derby is made possible by countless volunteer hours from local people as well as hatchery staff. The purpose of the Fishing Derby is to encourage parents and children to enjoy a worry-free, expense-free outing which allows families to experience a day full of fishing, fun, and prizes thanks to the many derby sponsors. For more information, please contact *Wolf Creek National Fish Hatchery* <http://www.fws.gov/wolfcreek> Phone: 270-343-3797

or visit [www.kidscatcharainbow.org](http://www.kidscatcharainbow.org) or email [friendsofwolfcreeknfh@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofwolfcreeknfh@gmail.com).

## **Louisiana**

### **Natchitoches National Fish Hatchery, Natchitoches, Louisiana**

**National Fishing and Boating Week Open House, June 4, 2011, 8:00am-11:30am** – A fishing derby and educational, hands-on activities for kids that promote fishing as a family-friendly, worthwhile past-time. For more information, contact Tony Brady; 318.352.5234; [tony\\_brady@fws.gov](mailto:tony_brady@fws.gov).

## **Maryland:**

### **Blackwater NWR Hog Range Pond, Cambridge, Maryland**

#### **9<sup>th</sup> Annual Blackwater NWR Youth Fishing Derby, June 4, 2011, 9:00am – 1:00pm**

A freshwater fishing event for youths 15 and under with educational programs, photos, prizes and lots of fun. Contact: Ray Paterra, Tom Miller, Michele Whitbeck 410-228-2677 410-901-6124

### **Eastern Neck National Wildlife Refuge, Rock Hall, Maryland**

#### **Annual Youth Fishing Derby, June 11, 2011, 9:00am – 1:00pm**

In partnership with the Friends of Eastern Neck and the Maryland Department of Natural Resources, Eastern Neck National Wildlife Refuge will host their annual Youth Fishing Derby on Saturday, June 11, 2011 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Youths 15 and under may participate in this free event. A parent or adult must accompany all participants. Food, drinks, prizes and bait will be provided. Kids are encouraged to bring their own rod and reel but a limited number of rods and reels will also be available for kids to use during the event. The derby will be held at the Headquarters Pond, located on the road to the Bayview Butterfly Trail on Eastern Neck NWR.

Contact: Colby Hawkinson Visitor Services Specialist Eastern Neck National Wildlife Refuge  
1730 Eastern Neck Rd. Rock Hall, MD 21661 (410) 639-7056 ext. 222

### **Patuxent Research Refuge, Laurel, MD**

#### **Kids Fishing Day, June 11, 2011 8:30 am – 11:30 am**

Patuxent Research Refuge in Laurel, MD is excited to announce that it will be hosting a Kid's Fishing Day at the National Wildlife Visitor Center on Saturday, June 11th, 2011. As last year, participants are required to register for this annual event. Activities will target youth who have little or no fishing experience. Boys and girls ages 15 and under can register for either an 8:30 am or 9:30 am time slot by calling the Refuge program registration number, 301-497-5887. Please request any accessibility accommodations when you register. At least one adult should accompany each child. The refuge will supply all fishing poles and bait for the children to use. No personal fishing gear will be needed or allowed during this event. After checking in at the Visitor Center and participating in pre-fishing activities such as casting and fish handling, youth will be allowed to fish in one of two nearby lakes for a minimum of one hour. The event will end between 11:00 and 11:30.

### **Mississippi**

#### **Pvt. John Allen National Fish Hatchery, Tupelo, Mississippi**

##### **Annual Fishing Day, June 4, 2011; 8:00am-10:00am**

Two hundred children, 12 years and younger, will fish for catfish. Participants will be required to pre-register and bring their own poles, bait, etc. They will have a 3 fish limit and take home what they catch. For more information, contact Laura Dobbins, 662-842-1341, [Laura\\_Dobbins@fws.gov](mailto:Laura_Dobbins@fws.gov).

### **New York**

#### **Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge, Basom, NY**

##### **20<sup>th</sup> Youth Fishing Derby, June 4, 2011, 7:30am – 12:00pm**

Fishing will be in Ringneck Marsh. The event is open to young anglers up to 17 years old. Fishing related activities will be available during the derby and an awards ceremony and door prize drawing will follow. Contact: Dorothy Gerhart Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge 1101 Casey Road Basom, NY 585-958-5445 [dorothy\\_gerhart@fws.gov](mailto:dorothy_gerhart@fws.gov)

### **North Carolina**

#### **Edenton National Fish Hatchery, Edenton, North Carolina**

##### **Fishing Derby, June 11th, 7:00am-1:00pm**

Join the folks at Edenton NFH for a fishing clinic for children 14 and younger, where they can keep what they catch. The hatchery provides poles, bait, and fish cleaning instruction (and assistance). Free lunch is provided by the Chowan-Edenton Optimist Club. For more information, contact Sam Pollock (252) 482-4118 x25.

### **Oregon**

**Eagle Creek National Fish Hatchery, Estacada, Oregon**  
**Kid's Fishing Clinic**

Kid's Fishing Celebration at a small pond at Promontory Park on the Clackamas River. Contact Larry Telles at [larry\\_telles@fws.gov](mailto:larry_telles@fws.gov) for more information.

**South Carolina**

**Bears Bluff National Fish Hatchery, Wadmalaw Island, South Carolina**  
**Annual Kid's Fishing Day, June 4th, 2011 8:00am-12:00pm**

The Bears Bluff NFH Annual Kid's Fishing Day provides an opportunity for children ages 12 and under to fish for catfish, bass and bluegill in a well stocked pond located at the hatchery. Prizes donated by local vendors will be awarded to the child catching the largest fish (by species) and the most fish (by weight). Sons of the American Legion will be providing food and drinks for all those in attendance. Hatchery staff will be providing tours of the facility throughout the day. For more information, contact Kent Ware, Hatchery Manager, 843-559-2315, [kent\\_ware@fws.gov](mailto:kent_ware@fws.gov).

**Orangeburg National Fish Hatchery, Orangeburg, South Carolina**  
**Orangeburg Youth Fishing Day, June 11th, 2011, 8:00am-2:00pm**

An event to reconnect kids to nature! The hatchery provides cane poles, bait, and safety instructions. Free lunch and gift bags provided by hatchery friends. For more information, contact Willie Booker, 803-534-4828.

**Tennessee**

**Dale Hollow National Fish Hatchery, Celina, Tennessee**  
**Fourteenth Annual Kid's Fishing Rodeo, June 11, 2011, 8:00am-12pm**

In celebration of National Fishing and Boating Week, a free event open to children 15 years old and younger. Experience an opportunity to catch rainbow trout in the creek below the hatchery. Bait, drinks, and a limited number of loaner poles available at no charge. Participants will receive educational packages. Those that register will be eligible for free prizes. Free face painting offered and an opportunity for families to spend quality time together and to connect children with nature. For more information contact 931-243-2443, email [dalehollow@fws.gov](mailto:dalehollow@fws.gov), or visit [http://www.fws.gov/dalehollow/rodeo/fishing\\_rodeo.html](http://www.fws.gov/dalehollow/rodeo/fishing_rodeo.html).

**Texas**

**Uvalde National Fish Hatchery, Uvalde, Texas**  
**Youth Fishing Derby, June 11, 2011**

Previous fishing derby events have had over 300 area residents in attendance. The event will provide youth the opportunity to catch some hatchery raised channel catfish, while enjoying the outdoors.

**Utah**

**Jones Hole National Fish Hatchery, Vernal, Utah****Kids Fishing Day, June 11, 2011**

On **Saturday, June 11, 2011**, Jones Hole National Fish Hatchery will be celebrating its annual Kids Fishing Day! Kids 12 and under will be allowed to catch two trout from the clarifier pond as well as participate in other fun events, such as the casting and fly tying booth hosted by Trout Unlimited. This exciting event will begin at 9:00 a.m and last until 3:00 p.m.

**Washington****Leavenworth National Fish Hatchery, Leavenworth, Washington****Leavenworth Kids Fishing Day; 8:00-8:30**

**Start Date:** Jun 04, 2011 - Start Time: 8:00am

**Description:**

Leavenworth National Fish Hatchery is hosting a free kids fishing event for children ages 4 through 13. Individual Bring your own rod and reel or borrow one at the event, and we will provide bait, education stations, and fish cleaning. Discovery High School students will provide lunch concessions. Registration is required for each child.

Sponsors and Partners include: Fishing Magician.com, Friends of Northwest Hatcheries, Wenatchee Sportsman's Association, Central Washington Bass Club, Icicle Valley Chapter of Trout Unlimited, Chelan Bass Club, The Cove, Hooked on Toys, and Columbia Media Group. For more information, email [lynann\\_dejarnett@fws.gov](mailto:lynann_dejarnett@fws.gov) or call 509-548-2921.

**Makah National Fish Hatchery, Neah Bay, Washington****Kids Fishing Day Saturday, June 11th, 9:30-2:30**

Makah Fisheries Management is co-hosting Kids Fishing Day. They are providing refreshments and some prizes for the kids. The contact is Caroline Peterschmidt at [caroline\\_peterschmidt@fws.gov](mailto:caroline_peterschmidt@fws.gov).

**Entiat National Fish Hatchery, Entiat, Washington****Kids Fishing Day, June 11, 2011 9:00 - 1:00**

Come join the free Kids Fishing Day at the Entiat National Fish Hatchery and share in the grand opening of the newly constructed Entiat National Fish Hatchery pond in the beautiful setting along the Entiat River. This event is hosted by the FWS, Entiat Valley Community Services, Friends of Northwest Hatcheries, and many local supporters and volunteers. Kids can bring their own rod and reel or borrow one at the event. Bait will be provided.

For more information, call 509-784-1131 or email [Corky\\_Broadus@fws.gov](mailto:Corky_Broadus@fws.gov)

**Winthrop National Fish Hatchery, Winthrop, WA****Passport to Fishing Kids Fishing Day, June 11, 2011**

Join in free family fishing fun at the Winthrop National Fish Hatchery's annual Kids Fishing Day, June 11, 2011, from 10 a.m.- 2 p.m. Hey kids, when you arrive, you will get a fishing day

passport. You choose the locations you want to visit, get your passport stamped, then head to the pond for some great fishing. Angler related activities and education are half the fun; the other half is the chance to catch one rainbow trout. Bring your own fishing pole or borrow one of ours. We will even have bait available. This is a fun day you and your family won't want to miss. This event is sponsored by partners and volunteers throughout the Methow Valley in the beautiful North Cascades. For more information, call the Hatchery at 509-996-2424 or email [lynann\\_dejarnett@fws.gov](mailto:lynann_dejarnett@fws.gov)

Enjoy the new fishing pond, learn about fishing and fish habitat, and hook a beautiful rainbow trout to take home for dinner!

**Wisconsin:**

**Horicon National Wildlife Refuge, Mayville, Wisconsin**

**Family Fishing Day, June 4, 2011, 10:00am – 2:00pm**

Take advantage of Wisconsin free fishing days June 4 and 5. Free demonstrations, equipment loan, and give-aways from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. on June 4. Peachy Road Fishing Access.

Contact: For more information call 920-387-2658.

**Wyoming:**

**Jackson National Fish Hatchery, Jackson, Wyoming**

**Annual Kids Fishing Day, June 4, 2011**

On Saturday, June 4, 2011, Jackson National Fish Hatchery will host its annual Kids Fishing Day, partnering with the U.S. Forest Service, National Park Service, U.S. Geological Survey and others. Please contact the hatchery at (307)733-2510 for more details.

**Saratoga Resort & Spa Pond, Saratoga, Wyoming**

**Saratoga Kids' Fishing Day, June 11, 2011**

Hook up with your family and fish on Saratoga Kids' Fishing Day! Join us at the Saratoga Resort & Spa Pond on June 11th, 2011 from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. This event is for children 12 and under. A free BBQ will be provided by the Saratoga Lions Club for all participants. Please bring your own fishing tackle and hope to see you at Saratoga National Fish Hatchery for this great event!

Contact: For more information, please call Pat at (307) 326-5662.